

MTA-5004

1 April 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Tel Aviv Bureau -- March 1985

I. GENERAL

The bureau was evacuated on 29 March due to a bomb threat.

II. OPERATIONAL

A. Monitorial/Editorial

HEBREW SECTION

It was a relatively slow month for the Hebrew section. Withdrawal from Lebanon and the attendant attacks on the IDF and the IDF's retaliatory actions continued to be the subject of speeches and commentaries. The biggest attack, one that apparently encouraged the Israelis to speed up withdrawal considerably ahead of the originally talked about date of September, took place just north of Metulla, when a car bomb killed 12 IDF soldiers.

There was continued attention to the subject of talks with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation: who would be in it, who would talk to it, and what would it talk about. The Israeli cabinet again called for direct negotiations without PLO participation and without the delegation's prior talks with the United States.

Tel Avi Bureau's first contribution to the Cities Project, a videotape of Jerusalem television's 28 March evening newscast in Hebrew, was airshipped to Headquarters in slightly over 24 hours

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

A 13.2% cost of living increase was granted to all Israeli workers as part of phase two of the economic package deal.

Nicosia Bureau Senior Arabic/Hebrew Monitor departed 24 March after a month's refresher course in Hebrew monitoring.

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Editor [] was promoted to GS-11. Engineer []
[] was promoted to GS-10. Associate Editor [] was
promoted to FBN-8.

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Communications operator [] and Hebrew monitor
trainee [] were awarded certificates for special
achievement and \$300 each in recognition of their efforts during an
extended acute staff shortage.

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[] was toasted with champagne in a belated bureau
celebration of her 10th anniversary with FBIS. [] was
responsible for the bubbly.)

Bureau's efforts to hire a seventh Hebrew monitor were once
again thwarted when an accepted applicant withdrew from processing
at the last minute.

B. Buildings and Grounds

Activity surrounding the new bureau centered on the arrival of
major items ordered from abroad. The bureau's new microwave system
arrived and is being kept in local storage until installation
preparations can be completed. The special bullet-proof entrance
door has been lifted to the 15th floor, and, as soon as it is
installed, the bureau will be able to store goods in the office
space. At month's end the York Borg-Warner HVAC unit was in Haifa
awaiting delivery on 1 April to the Migdalor Building. An order for
a modern EPABX telephone system has been placed with a local
electronics firm, and meetings with Ministry of Communications
officials to coordinate telephone line requirements are continuing.

IV. VISITS

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FBIS Communications Section Deputy Chief [] visited
the bureau from 4 to 7 March.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR March 1985 ATTACHMENT A1. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 273,300
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 70,110
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 851

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	6298.00 min.	10520.00 min.	51.00 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	6,200		
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	600		
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	5,400		
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	2,900		
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey	2,900		

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	12,400		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	82,100		
Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew	11,900		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	13,000		
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew		8,200	
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			29,900
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			5,200
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			5,800
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	3,500		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
ISRAEL (cont'd)			
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			14,900
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1,000
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			11,700
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			9,100
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			2,700
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	33,400		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		500	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		8,800	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish to ANATOLIA Ankara		0	
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	0		
USSR			
Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	1,200		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew to Israel	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR

ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 273,290 (302,550)

TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 70,110 (65,250)

DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 11,077 (13,136)

HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 18,010 on 29 March

LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,950 on 2 March

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.45 HOURS, 1.06 PERCENT.

~~OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.45 HOURS, 1.06 PERCENT.~~

OUTAGES:

3 March - Maintenance work

29 March - Equipment failure

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 2,030

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.